

RESOLUTION 20-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF DUNEDIN AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) OUTBREAK AND ITS POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM TO THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN; PROVIDING FOR THE WAIVER OF THE PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES REQUIRED BY LAW PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE CHAPTER 252; PROVIDING FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER ON MARCH 13, 2020; PROVIDING THE EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak poses a serious potential threat to the residents of the City of Dunedin; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order 20-52, the Governor of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency throughout the state due to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, 14 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Pinellas County and could spread to residents or visitors to the City of Dunedin, and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary for the City of Dunedin to take protective measures to ensure the safety of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political sub-division such as the City of Dunedin to declare a State of Emergency allowing the City to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community.
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers,
6. Rental of equipment,
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation of supplies, materials and facilities;
8. Appropriation and expenditures of public funds.

WHEREAS, this is a rapidly evolving situation which may require the declaration to be extended in seven-day increments as provided in Section 252.38(3)(a)5., Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Dunedin issued an Executive Order on March 13, 2020 providing for declaration of a state of local emergency within the City of Dunedin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the lives of residents and visitors of the City of Dunedin, Florida

Section 2. A state of Local Emergency exists effective the 13th day of March, 2020, and shall be effective until rescinded for all territory within the legal boundaries of the City of Dunedin, Florida.

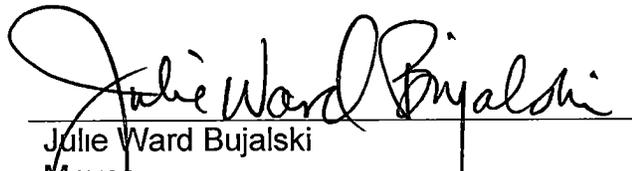
Section 3. The procedures and formalities required by law of a political sub-division are hereby waived as provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

Section 4. The City Commission hereby ratify the Executive Order of the City Manager on March 13, 2020.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Section 6. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to extend the duration of this declaration in seven-day increments by proclamation upon request from the City Manager, as the primary City executive responsible for emergency management.

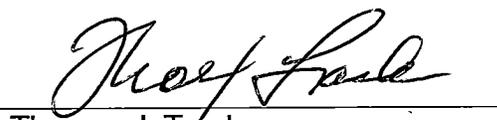
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, THIS 20th day of March, 2020


Julie Ward Bujalski
Mayor

ATTEST:


Rebecca C. Schlichter
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Thomas J. Trask
City Attorney